



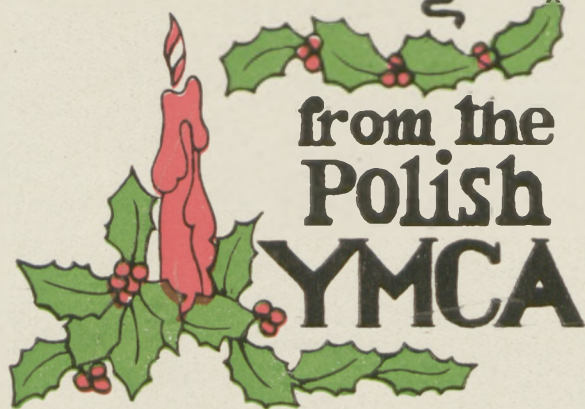
An International Tea

Seventy-five young people representing 11 different nations from Jugoslavia to Japan sat down to tea together in the Warsaw YMCA Sunday evening the eighteenth of November as guests of the Club for International Friendly Relations of the Warsaw Association. Before the program of music and eats two short addresses were given, one by a Pole and one by an American.

International contacts and friendly relations were advocated not as a means of preventing war, which is not a very lofty basis for such relations, but because these contacts are pleasant, educational, and Christian. If they help prevent war, well and good, but they have other more immediate, and more sure values in a richer, broader, and more brotherly life.



The Season's Greetings



Peace in Europe and Good Will Among Europeans

This season of Peace on Earth is a good time to write about peace in Europe. News of peace is not exciting news, so it seldom gets an adequate representation in the papers, which on the other hand just now have a good deal to say about the prospects of another European war, a war which to those of us who live in Europe seems much less likely than it seems to journalists looking for a hot story.

There are strong forces making for European peace, and there are very delicate indicators pointing to its continuance. Let our Christmas greetings center around three.

First, there is the growing good understanding between Germany and Poland. This is real and vital. German papers now contain many articles very friendly to Poland whereas formerly they were all against this country. Poland and Germany have elevated their ministers in each other's capital to the rank of ambassador, and there are many other indications of growing mutual respect and peaceful relations between these two lands whose combined peoples number almost a hundred million.

Second, we mention Polish-Russian relations, the nature of which now offer much ground for the expectation of continued peace.

The third point has to do with Poland's own long continued internal peace, order, and progress. A convincing evidence that that internal order is accepted abroad as likely to continue is the rate of interest on loans granted Poland by England for industrial development, all of them involving extended periods of time. The 1931 loan of £550,000 called for 8½% interest. That of 1933, amounting to £2,000,000 called for 6¾% interest, while the 1934 loan of £5,000,000 is placed at only 6½% interest. Thus both the increasing sums England is lending Poland and the decreasing rate of interest indicate the faith of cautious English investors in Peace in Europe, and Good Will Among Europeans.

Personally I think the English are well advised. In this part of Europe at least the war-scare specialists find little to encourage them. We close the year on a hopeful note.

Write Them

The members of this club wish to extend their already very wide connections with young men or groups in other lands, exchanging correspondence, small exhibits, objects of national character, and postage stamps. Address them thus: "Club for International Friendly Relations", Polish YMCA, Konopnickiej 6, Warsaw. Poland.

The illustrations for this issue are drawn by Miss Wanda Zawisza, a young artist in the Warsaw School of Decorative Art, whose skill in representing motion has attracted special attention.



Our Second Opening

Exactly two years ago the Warsaw YMCA building had its first opening — 25% of the plant. November the fifteenth this year we celebrated the second opening, the second 25% of the interior, which included 80 dormitory rooms, all immediately taken, several club rooms, and the first of the three shower and locker rooms. The Minister of Education and a department director from the Ministry of Social Welfare representing his minister were the chief participants in the opening ceremony. Putting this through in the face of the depression has greatly inspired the YMCA leaders, and the third 25% is to be tackled at once, the boys' division, the big gym, and the 25 meter swimming pool, funds for which will be given by three large financial institutions. As you read this the work on the boys' rooms and the big gym is under way.



